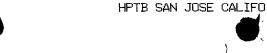




- 1 27. The encasement of claim 26, further including an RF antenna embedded in
- 2 the encasement portion.
- 1 28. An electronically-enabled encasement for a handheld computer, the
- 2 encasement comprising:
- 3 an encasement portion configured to cover at least a portion of the handheld
- 4 computer; and
- a communication port on the encasement that extends communications
- 6 through another communication port of the handheld computer to the handheld
- 7 computer.
- 1 29. The encasement of claim 28, further comprising a coupling engageable with
- 2 the handheld computer to detachably couple the encasement with the handheld
- 3 computer.
- 1 30. The encasement of claim 29, wherein the coupling includes a spine, the spine
- 2 being engageable with an accessory slot of the handheld computer to detachable
- 3 couple the encasement to the handheld computer.
- 1 31. The encasement of claim 28, wherein the coupling snugly fits the handheld
- 2 computer with the encasement.
- 1 32. The encasement of claim 28, wherein the communication port of the
- 2 encasement is a connector capable of mating with a serial connector of the handheld
- 3 computer to extend communication to the handheld computer.



- 1 33. The encasement of claim 28, further comprising cable embedded in the
- 2 encasement that connects the communication portion on the encasement to the
- 3 handheld computer.
- 1 34. The encasement of claim 28, wherein the encasement portion comprises a
- 2 front portion that extends over the display surface of the handheld computer, and a
- back portion that extends over the back surface of the handheld computer. 3
- The encasement of claim 34, further comprising a joint to moveably couple 35. 1
- 2 the front portion to the back portion.
- The encasement of claim 28, wherein the communication port is an infrared 36. 1
- port or a radio frequency port. 2
- The encasement assembly of claim 28, further comprising at least one 37. 1
- electronic component embedded in the encasement portion. 2
- The encasement of claim 37, wherein the electronic component is selected 38. 1
- from the group consisting of wireless modem, voice recorder, digital camera, 2
- keyboard, cell phone, solar cell, rechargeable battery, GPS system, battery 3
- recharger, memory, connector for multi-media cards, memory stick, accessory 4
- 5 cartridge, compact flash card and phone card.
- The encasement of claim 37, further comprising a serial connector capable of 1 39.
- mating with another serial connector of the handheld computer to extend 2
- communication of the electronic component to the handheld computer. 3